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## New Federal Regulations Pave Way For Rent Hikes

Wilmington—Millions of tenants face the prospect of increased rent under the regulations issued by Tughr E. Woods, Federal Rent Control Administrator, interpreting the recent court law's "fair net operating income" clause as "fair income."

Under the regulations landlords will be permitted to raise rents if their net operating income falls below a level determined by Mr. Woods to be a national average.

Any increase permitted under the new formula cannot be put into effect without notifying the tenant, who has the right to appeal to regional and national offices of the Office of the Housing Expediter.

structure can get a rent increase if his net operating income is less than 25 percent of his gross income. He will be given an increase to bring his net operating income up to 30 percent.

Net operating income was defined in the OHE regulation as the amount

Payments for interest or amortization of mortgage indebtedness

Depreciation is entered as an expense to the account the tenant

ported on his latest required federal income tax return with a limitation that the amount shall not exceed 2 percent of the gross income in the case of the small structures and 1

Woods used these 2 examples to show how the fair net operating revenue provision will work:

1. Small structures. The land-

has an annual gross income of \$1,000. His expenses are \$600 and his depreciation allowance is \$200, the figures totaling \$800. This leaves a net operating income of \$200 or 20%.

percent of his gross income. Since his net operating income is less than 25 percent, he is entitled to an increase to bring it to 30 percent of the gross. This will require a gross income of \$1,143 which will

2. Large structure. The landlord has an annual gross income of \$10,000

His expenses are \$7,000 and his depreciation allowance \$1,500, or 1 percent of his gross income. Since his net operating income is less than 20 percent, he is entitled to an increase to 25 percent. This will

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Washington. — President Truman pledged a continuing fight for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law today.

The Chief Executive thus backed up

AFL President William Green who praised the action of the House in sending the Wood bill back to the labor committee by the narrow margin of 3 votes declared that such action

Mr. Truman told reporters at his regular news conference that such action means "the death of the hypocritical measure."

of the Wood bill, termed by organized labor as worse than the Taft-Hartley law, was a victory for the Democratic Administration. He said

the House's action afforded the opportunity for it to start from scratch again and pass legislation which would be acceptable.

The President's views on the developments coincided with a statement issued by Mr. Green which said:

"The vote in the House of Representatives...

bill means the death of that hypocritical measure and affords the House Labor Committee an opportunity to make a new start in drafting legislation.

"Meanwhile, organized labor awaits action by the Senate on the Thomas bill.

"We want Congress to know that repeal of the Taft-Hartley law is our firm objective and we will continue to fight for it no matter how

Mr. Truman denied that action by the House had convinced him that he would be forced to make concessions.

sons on labor legislation. He said he would do whatever is necessary to get a labor bill through Congress and added that his position on labor legislation has not changed.

In reply to a reporter's question on whether he was insisting on a specific bill, the President said he wanted the Democrats in Congress

to carry out the promises they made in the Democratic platform just as he was trying to carry out his.

Mr. Truman declined to say what

he thought about the Sims bill, the substitute measure offered by some Democrats in the House when the Lesinski bill was doomed by a con-

tion of Republicans and southern Democrats. The Sims measure was defeated by labor foes who rammed through the Wood bill only to have it recommitted later by a vote of 219

to 209. This final vote leaves it up to the House Labor Committee to initiate further action on labor legislation.

Representative John Levinaki of Michigan said he hoped the committee, of which he is chairman, would start work on a new bill in

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legislation in the Senate was bogged down in a legislative schedule already running far behind due to the usual log-jam of appropriations measures. It is expected that ap-

Labor's foes in the Senate are gathering their forces to keep anti-

labor legislation on the books. Senator Robert A. Taft introduced a bill as a substitute for the Thomas bill, approved by the Senate Labor Com-

written, drawn along the lines of the Wood bill which retains most of the obnoxious Taft-Hartley law.

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**DAVIS NAMED CHAIRMAN**

## DAVIS NAMED CHAIRMAN OF ATOM DISPUTE PANEL

Washington. — President Truman created a special labor relations panel to prevent work stoppages in vital atomic energy operations.

He named William H. Davis, former head of the War Labor Board, to be chairman. He said 2 other members would be named in a few days.

The panel was established on recommendation of a special commission, on which Davis served, which studied atomic energy labor rela-

Mr. Truman stressed that the panel will be of top-flight, last-resort nature.

**OPENING OF SHOW  
TO BE BROADCAST**

Cleveland.—Opening ceremonies of the great Union Indus-

tries Show here will be broadcast from 3:00-3:15 p.m., EDT, May 18, over the facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

Participants in the ceremonies will include AFL President William Green; Governor Frank J. Lausche of Ohio; Thomas A. Burke, Mayor of Cleveland; and

L. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the AFL's Union Label Trades Department which is sponsoring the exhibition.

Consult your local newspapers for the exact time of the broadcast in your community.

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